

# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Director of Net Assessment

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code  
(b) DoD 5111.9, subject as above, July 6, 1993 (hereby canceled)  
(c) DoD Directive 8910.1, "Management and Control of Information Requirements," June 11, 1993

## A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

Under the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Section 113 of reference (a), this Directive reissues reference (b) to update the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Director of Net Assessment, as prescribed herein.

## B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Unified Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

## C. DEFINITION

Net Assessment. The comparative analysis of military, technological, political, economic, and other factors governing the relative military capability of nations. Its purpose is to identify problems and opportunities that deserve the attention of senior defense officials.

## D. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Director of Net Assessment is the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (PDUSD(P)), the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), and the Secretary of Defense on net assessment matters. In this capacity, the Director of Net Assessment shall:

1. Develop and coordinate net assessments of the standing, trends, and future prospects of U.S. military capabilities and military potential in comparison with those of other countries or groups of countries so as to identify emerging or future threats or opportunities for the United States. This shall include, as required, net assessments of:

a. Current and projected U.S. and foreign military capabilities by theater, region, function, or mission; and

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b. Specific current and projected U.S. and foreign capabilities, operational tactics, doctrine, and major categories of weapon systems.

2. Develop, advise, and consult on the net assessment portion of the Annual Report of the Secretary of Defense to the President and Congress, congressional testimony, and foreign government discussions; and provide guidance for the preparation of net assessments by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. Provide guidance and staff assistance, and represent the PDUSD(P) and the USD(P), in the development of national net assessments by the National Security Council, and act as the primary OSD focal point for joint efforts with the Intelligence Community to produce net assessments.

4. Provide support for the improvement and development of net assessments within the Department of Defense, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of a library of historical all-source intelligence and friendly force data.

5. Provide objective analyses of policy, doctrine, strategy, goals, and objectives as requested or determined necessary.

6. Coordinate with DoD officials, as necessary, to ensure that Departmental documents, deliberations, and discussions reflect appropriate, up-to-date assessment information.

7. Perform such other functions as the PDUSD(P), USD(P), or the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

#### E. RELATIONSHIPS

1. In the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities, the Director of Net Assessment shall serve under the authority, direction, and control of the PDUSD(P), and shall:

a. Report through the PDUSD(P) to the USD(P) and the Secretary of Defense.

b. Exchange information with other OSD officials, heads of the DoD Components, and other Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

c. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, when practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

2. Other OSD officials and heads of DoD Components shall coordinate with the Director of Net Assessment on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in section D., above.

#### F. AUTHORITIES

The Director of Net Assessment is hereby delegated authority to:


1. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (c)), as necessary to carry out assigned functions.

2. Communicate directly with the heads of the DoD Components. Communications to the Commanders of Unified Combatant Commands shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the legislative branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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